

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A molded decorative ornament comprising a solid matrix of material providing a body having a predetermined shape, said body having at least one light scattering translucent surface, groove, ridge or characteristic formed therein, said at least one translucent surface, grooves, ridge or characteristics providing a design, shape, or image, all formed by forming the surface grooves, ridges or characteristics into the solid matrix of material of the body of the decorative ornament, said body having disposed therein an opening having contained therein in use at least one light source, molded in place within the opening when the ornament is molded, ~~or alternatively fit within the opening~~, said at least one light source including electrical leads extending to an electrical conductor; the solid matrix of material being transparent and coloured for a holiday season such as amber, red, green, blue, clear, purple, yellow, or orange or combinations thereof; said light source being positioned so as to light the decorative ornament in a pleasing manner, said light exiting the light source being dispersed by said light scattering translucent at least one-surface, groove, ridge or characteristic so as to create a more uniform dispersion of the light from the decorative ornament as opposed to a point source of light, which dispersed light would remain undispersed had the surface, grooves, ridges or characteristics not been provided, thereby creating a pleasing and more effective ornament.
2. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 1 wherein said ornament is a Christmas ornament.
3. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 2 further comprising a candle, an image of Santa Claus, a crucifix, or a heart.
4. (Currently Amended) The ornament of claim 1 wherein said light source is disposed proximate at least one side of the ornament/~~design or sign~~.
5. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 1 wherein said light source is at least one light emitting diode.

6. (Currently Amended) The ornament of claim 1 being manufactured from polymethylmethacrylate, acrylic, resins, or Lexan—engineered thermoplastic polycarbonate resin.

7. (Currently Amended) The ornament of claim 1 wherein said formed at least one surface, grooves, ridges or characteristics of the body of the ornament is etched and the ornament further comprises a second etched surface, groove, ridge or characteristic within the perimeter of the first etched surface groove, ridge or characteristic.

8. (Currently Amended) A display sign comprising a body of solid material, said body being transparent and having sides, ends, and a top and a bottom, said top or bottom having a translucent light scattering surface, ridge and/or groove formed or etched therein which contains the outline of a symbol, figure, or a message, said translucent surface, ridge and/or groove being formed or etched so as to provide light scattering within said body, at least one of said ends or sides including light emitting diodes molded therein when the sign is made ~~contained therein or disposed adjacent thereto~~ to emit light in the direction of the translucent surfaces, grooves and, ridges or—characteristics so as to disperse said light substantially uniformly from the top or bottom of the display panel body and provide the observer with the displayed impression or message created by the dispersion of the light from the formed or translucent surface, grooves, and ridges or—characteristics which would remain undispersed had the translucent surface, grooves, and ridges or—characteristics not been provided, further comprising a pair of supporting rails in a housing, wherein said sign is sized so as to fit between the pair of supporting rails in the housing wherein one of the pair of rails carries the light emitting diodes disposed on a printed circuit board, said rails being separated and sized so as to receive the ends or sides of said display sign in a channel in each rail.

9. (Currently Amended) The display sign of claim 8 wherein said solid material is manufactured from polymethylmethacrylate, acrylic, resins, or Lexan—engineered thermoplastic polycarbonate resin.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A holiday season molded decorative ornament comprising a body having provided therein a translucent light scattering surface, ridge or groove, and also containing secondary light scattering elements, said body containing at least one opening for at least one light source, molded therein at the same time as the ornament is molded, which is positioned so as to light the body with the light exiting from the light source and being dispersed by said light scattering elements, and by said at least one translucent light scattering surface so as to create a dispersion of the light from the body which would remain undispersed had the translucent light scattering surface and the light scattering means not been provided so as to create a more uniform dispersion of the light from the decorative ornament as opposed to a point source of light thereby creating a pleasing and more effective ornament.

13. (Currently Amended) The ornament of claim 1 or 12 A molded decorative ornament comprising a solid matrix of material providing a body having a predetermined shape, said body having at least one light scattering translucent surface, groove, ridge or characteristic formed therein, said at least one translucent surface, groove, ridge or characteristic providing a design, shape, or image, all formed by forming the groove, ridge or characteristic into the solid matrix of material of the body of the decorative ornament, said body having disposed therein an opening having contained therein in use at least one light source, molded in place within the opening when the ornament is molded, said at least one light source including electrical leads extending to an electrical conductor; the solid matrix of material being transparent and coloured for a holiday season such as amber, red, green, blue, clear, purple, yellow, or orange or combinations thereof; said light source being positioned so as to light the decorative ornament in a pleasing manner, said light exiting the light source being dispersed by said light scattering translucent at least one-surface, groove, ridge or characteristic so as to create a more uniform dispersion of the light from the decorative ornament as opposed to a point source of light, which dispersed light would remain undispersed had the surface, groove, ridge or characteristic not been provided thereby creating a pleasing and more effective ornament, said ornament further comprising an outline of a figure or symbol, an animal figure, a religious symbol, a Cross, Star of David, Crescent

Moon, stars, Santa Claus, a heart, a candle, a pine cone, a sphere, a hexagonal, a rectangle, a diamond, a pyramid, an animal shape, a reindeer, a lamb, or a camel.

14. (Currently Amended) The ornament of claim 12 ~~comprising~~ wherein said secondary light scattering elements ~~of~~ further comprising comprise metal shavings, or bubbles.

15. (Currently Amended) The ornament of claim 12 or 13 wherein said body is in the shape of a pine cone with the surface of the pine cone shaped body being translucent and being formed or etched so as to simulate the appearance of the rough surface of the perimeter of an actual pine cone.

16. (Currently Amended) The ornament of claim 12 or 13 linked through electrical conductors to juxtaposed ornaments so as to create a string of ornaments for decorative lighting purposes.

17. (Cancelled)

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20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A molded decorative ornament comprising a matrix of clear transparent material, said ornament being of a predetermined shape, and being: ~~for a~~ Christmas ornament, a circle, a piece of fruit, or a Santa Claus, said ornament having disposed therein at least one opening, said at least one opening for having ~~installed~~ molded therein a light source molded therein at the same time as the ornament is molded, said ornament having light scattering surfaces, or design(s), therein, wherein said light scattering surfaces further comprises at least one ~~etched~~ design formed by providing at least one light scattering ~~surface~~; groove, ridge or characteristic portion, extending in predetermined directions to provide said ~~etched~~ design, wherein the material adjacent the light scattering surface is substantially translucent so as to substantially disperse any incident light thereon

from the light source in use, the light striking said light scattering surface causing light to disperse and/or scatter ~~from said design~~ to a much greater extent so as to create a more uniform dispersion of the light from the decorative ornament as opposed to a point source of light thereby creating a pleasing and more effective ornament.

22. (Currently Amended) The ornament of claim 21 wherein said ornament is coloured amber, red, blue, green, turquoise, orange, purple, or combinations thereof.

23. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 1 or 21 further comprising a pair of wires wherein said pairs of wires extend to ornaments in series or parallel thereby creating a string of ornaments for decorating a Christmas tree or the exterior or interior of a home.

24. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 23 linked together with other ornaments all linked together in a string to provide a pleasing set of lights.

25. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 23 wherein the ornaments are identical in shape only.

26. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 23 wherein said string of ornaments contain more than one light source of different colours.

27. (Currently Amended) A molded decorative ornament for the holiday seasons comprising a clear transparent matrix, said ornament having at least one translucent light scattering surface, ridge, or channel formed or etched therein or about the perimeter thereof, said ornament including at least one opening containing a lighting source molded therein in use at the same time as the ornament is molded, wherein when lit said lighting source will direct incident light within the ornament upon the light scattering translucent surface, channel, or ridge so as to create a uniform dispersion of light from the ornament as opposed to a point source of light thereby creating a pleasing and more effective ornament..

28. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 27 further comprising like ornaments strung together with other ornaments.

29. (Withdrawn from consideration by Examiner).

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A molded decorative ornament comprising an etched translucent light scattering design, or shape within the ornament, said ornament having included therewith at least one opening, said opening having contained therewith at least one light source molded therein at the same time as the ornament is molded, wherein light emerging from the light source incident upon the light scattering translucent design or shape of the ornament will be enhanced in relation to any light emanating from transparent portions of the ornament so as to create a more uniform dispersion of the light from the decorative ornament as opposed to a point source of light thereby creating a pleasing and more effective ornament.

32. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 31 further comprising a string of lights.

33. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 31 further comprising a necklace.

34. (Currently Amended) A display sign comprising an etched translucent light scattering design, lettering, or shape within the sign, said sign having included therewith at least one opening, said opening having ~~contained therewith~~ molded therein at least one light source molded therein as the sign is made, wherein light emerging from the light source incident upon the light scattering translucent design lettering or shape of the sign will be enhanced in relation to any light emanating from transparent portions of the sign, further comprising a pair of supporting rails in a housing, wherein said sign is sized so as to fit between the pair of supporting rails in the housing wherein one of the pair of rails carries the light emitting diodes disposed on a printed circuit board, said rails being separated and sized so as to receive the ends or sides of said display sign in a channel in each rail.

35. (Currently Amended) An emergency sign comprising an etched translucent light scattering design, lettering, or shape within the sign, said sign having included therewith at least one opening, said opening having molded therein at least one light source molded therein as the sign is made, wherein light emerging from the light source incident upon the

light scattering translucent design lettering or shape of the sign will be enhanced relation to any light emanating from transparent portions of the sign, further comprising a pair of supporting rails in a housing, wherein said sign is sized so as to fit between the pair of supporting rails in the housing wherein one of the pair of rails carries the light emitting diodes disposed on a printed circuit board, said rails being separated and sized so as to receive the ends or sides of said display sign in a channel in each rail.

36. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 31 further comprising a company logo or a clip on personal safety light.

37. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 31 further comprising a checker or chess board that has sections or playing pieces that illuminate.

38. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 31 further comprising toys.

39. (Currently Amended) The ~~design/sign/ornament invention~~ of claim 1, 8 , 12, 21, 27, 34 or 35 further comprising LED's of at least one or more colours which in co-operation with a switching device changes the colour of the ornament, message or design over time.

40. (Currently Amended) The sign of claim 8, 34 or 35 further comprising a modular display sign housing, including an opposed rail assembly having inserted therein a reflective panel adjacent said sign in order to reflect light and enable use of less LED's.

41. (Previously Presented) The sign of claim 40 further comprising a reflective panel which is concave, convex, or flat which may be slid into the modular housing adjacent the sign.

42. (Previously Presented) The ornament of claim 1, 12, 21, 27 or 31 wherein a mirrored coating is placed thereon during or after manufacturing.

43. (Currently Amended) The ~~design/sign/ornament invention~~ of claim 1, 8 , 12, 21, 27,31,34 or 35 further comprising a design selected from a group of designs including patio stones with built in lighting, lighted steps or walkways, posts and stairways, lighted railings and banisters, welcome signs, lighted decorative water fountains for indoors and outdoors, lighted

waterfalls, lighted birdbaths, swimming pool accent lighting, lighted driveways and curbs, lighted decorative rock lighting, accent lighting for high-rise buildings, lighted address numbers, lighted signs for advertising and direction, decorative lighting for building exteriors, lighted perimeter flashing trim elements, accent lighting for doors, windows and frames, lighted baseboards and nightlights, lighted railings, stairs, picture frames, table tops, bar edges, counter tops, door handles and locks, lighted floor tiles, lighted bathroom ceramics, lighted toilet seat, accent lighting for glass partitions with sandblasted images, lighted sports logos and mascots on novelty items and collector pieces, stained glass backlighting (for lighting module with actual stained glass), lighted emergency signs to replace flares for road closures and emergency situations, lighted name plates and trim and license plates for cars and trucks, safety lighting for cyclist, lighted street signs, lighted street names, lighted warning signs, or trouble light.

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